

In the Claims:

- 1.(original) A paraffin wax candle composition comprising a mixture of a hard paraffin wax and a soft paraffin wax the hard wax having a penetration value as measured by the Needle Penetration Test as defined in ASTM D 1321 of 16 – 20 and the soft wax having a penetration value of no less than 45, the composition itself having a penetration value between 30 and 50.
- 2.(currently amended) A composition according to ~~as claimed in~~ claim 1 wherein the soft wax has a penetration value of 50 – 70.
- 3.(currently amended) A composition according to claim 1 ~~as claimed in any one of the preceding claims~~ wherein the proportion by weight of the soft wax to the hard wax is in the range of 50:50 to 90:10.
- 4.(currently amended) A composition according to ~~as claimed in~~ claim 3 wherein the proportion by weight of the soft wax to the hard wax is about 70:30.
- 5.(currently amended) A composition according to claim 1 ~~as claimed in any one of the preceding claims~~ wherein the melting point of the composition is in the range from 45°C to 55°C.
- 6.(currently amended) A composition according to ~~as claimed in~~ claim 5 wherein the melting point of the composition is about 50°C.
- 7.(currently amended) A composition according to claim 1 ~~as claimed in any one of the preceding claims~~ which contains a microcrystalline wax in an amount of up to 1% by weight.

8.(currently amended) A composition according to claim 1 ~~as claimed is in any one of the preceding claims~~ which contains polyethylene in an amount up to 1% by weight.

9.(currently amended) A composition according to claim 1 ~~as claimed in any one of the preceding claims~~ which contains a colouring material in an amount up to 0.5% by weight.

10.(currently amended) A composition according to claim 1 ~~as claimed in any one of the preceding claims~~ which contains fragrance and/or other air-borne agent or agents in an amount up to 10% by weight.

11.(currently amended) A candle comprising a composition according to claim 1 ~~as claimed in any one of the preceding claims~~.

12. (currently amended) A candle according to ~~as claimed in~~ claim 11 comprising a container in which a candle composition in a liquid state has been poured and set surrounding a candle wick.